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The American Academy of Achievement Golden Plate Awards ~~have~~ been a yearly event since 1962. The organization is headquartered in Vienna, Virginia. Its director or senior officer contact is Brian Reynolds. This year's event is scheduled to take place in Owensboro, Kentucky between 22-24 June. The participants will be headquartered at the Executive Inn situated on the Ohio River in downtown Owensboro. The Executive Inn is a new luxurious type inn approximately eight or nine months old. The Inn is a 10 to 15 minute drive from the Davies County Airport. The FBI office in Louisville has obtained suite-type rooms in the 7th floor wing of the Inn for Judge Sirica, Judge Bell, Director Webster, Director Turner, FBI agents [redacted] Requested the FBI to obtain a room for Admiral and Mrs. James Stockdale nearby the room of Admiral and Mrs. Turner (8 June 1978).

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The Inn has two main elevators in the lobby and two service elevators. The FBI resident agent in Owensboro, Mr. Ted Risley, area code 502: 683-0053, [redacted] has already dealt with the hotel security and Kentucky State Police. One of the service elevators will be reserved for use of the government officials located on the 7th floor (the rooms are facing the river) It is also expected that the Governor of Kentucky will stay in that wing. The United States Secret Service representative in Louisville, Mr. Jim Johnson has provided identification type lapel pins for use by the security type people. The suite-type rooms are ample in size - 18 x 54 feet each.

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The Executive Inn is owned by Mr. Robert Green who is a past recipient of a Golden Plate Award. He is co-chairman of this event, along with Mr. Bill Elmer, Texas Gas Transmission Company.

The FBI has advised Owensboro, a town of 55,000 people, is an area where there is some Klu Klux Klan activity. They are not anticipating any violence or threat-type activities. Because of the fact that a number of Hollywood stars and entertainers have been invited, there may be publicity and autograph seekers.

Receiving awards this year are Jesse Jackson, Alex Haley, a shipping magnate from Hong Kong by the name of Chung, a Philippino who helped save a number of people in an airplane accident, 350 outstanding high school seniors from around the United States, Ed Asner, Cloris Leachman, ~~Angie Dickinson~~, Hank Aaron, etc. The events will include a barbecue to be given some two or three miles out of town Friday evening, the 23rd.

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The FBI has advised they have reserved a private tennis court two or three miles from the Inn. They look forward to having Directors Webster and Turner using it. They have also advised the Academy has six chauffeur driven Cadillacs for the use of the guests. The FBI also has a number of other cars at their disposal. Agent Risley will be in contact [redacted]

[redacted] Together they will work out the security and transportation details and the advance work. Agent Risley advised that for the most part most activities will take place around the Inn; the two notable exceptions are the Friday night cookout and tennis court. Agent Risley described the Academy as being somewhat self-serving, a right wing organization and not shy with publicity.

Another contact is Mr. Chuck Scherer, training coordinator, FBI office, Louisville, area code 502: 583-3941.

FBI Liaison Officer Jim Whalen will obtain the schedule of events and copies of any local publicity given awards from the FBI Public Affairs Office. Agents Risley and Scherer will be sending this type of information.

[redacted] They are sending the following people with the Director Webster to Owensboro:

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Special Agent in Charge Benjamin H. Cooke,  
Louisville Field Office  
Resident Agent Ted Risley  
Special Agent Chuck Scherer  
Special Agent Paul Tigue  
Special Agent Bill Cheek  
Special Agent Bill Sheets